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LETTER *from his Grace the Duke of* Marlborough, *by his Majesty's Command, to the Secretary at War.*

SIR,

HIS Majesty being determined to provide as soon as possible for the broken Officers, and those who are upon half Pay, as well with intent to ease the Nation in time of the burthen thereof, as to reward the particular Merit of those Officers who have distinguished themselves by their Service during the Course of the late War.

I am commanded to signifie to you his Pleasure, That as any Commission shall happen hereafter to become vacant in the Army, of what Degree soever it be, the same shall always be filled up with a half Pay Officer; and that for the future no Person through Favour, Interest, or other Practices may unjustly obtain a Commission to which he has no Right, in prejudice of another Officer elder than himself, It is his Majesty's further pleasure, that the first Regard shall always be had to the Seniority of the Commission, provided his Majesty shall have good reason to be satisfied of the Character and Merit of the Person, and of his Zeal and Fidelity for his Service, still observing that a reduced Officer of the same Rank in the Regiment where such Vacancy happens, is to be preferred before all others. This his Majesty's Pleasure you are to Cause to be Enter'd in the Books of your Office as a standing Rule and Direction in this behalf. I am,

SIR,

June the 30th, 1715. *Your most Obedient*
To the Secretary at War. *Humble Servant,*
Marlborough.

It is his Majesty's Pleasure That all the Colonels, now and late in the Army, do certifie to me the Date of each Officer's Commission reduced out of their respective Regiments, to the intent that all Officers so reduced may be provided for according to his Majesty's Pleasure signified to me as above by his Grace the Duke of Marlborough, and the said Colonels are hereby required to send such Certificates as soon as possible.

Wm. Pulteney.

Stockholm, June 4. Last Week a Sloop arrived from Stralsund, with three Letters from the King, one of which was to the Treasury, another to the College of Commerce, and the third to the College of Mines; and on the 2d Instant came in another Vessel with four Letters more, for the Senate, Treasury, Chamber of Contributions, and the King's Attorney-General; but as no private Letters came by either of these Vessels, 'tis supposed his Majesty will not suffer any to be sent. 'Tis said his Majesty has ordered more Remittances of Mony to be made to him; tho' Representations had before been sent from the Senate and Treasury, that the present Taxes and Revenues are not sufficient for those several Dispositions which he has directed to be made for the Defence of this Kingdom. 'Tis also reported, that the Attorney-General is ordered to proceed forthwith against the Senators, but that the King has pardoned all their other Crimes, except the granting of Passports to Ships to go to the Ports taken by the Czar. The last Letters from Carlscrona gave an Account, that 4 Men of War sailed from thence on the 20th past, that 4 others were almost ready to follow them from Calmar, and that they had also begun to fit out 6 Ships more at the former Place: But 'twas not known at Carlscrona what Course the Ships which are gone out have taken, because the Commanders had received their Orders sealed from Stralsund. Admiral Lillie is cruising between Revel and Hangud. On the 27th the Prince of Hesse set out from hence to take another View of the Coast to the Northward between this Place and Gasle, whence all the principal Inhabitants are already retired hither. His Highness is accompanied by Lieutenant-General Taube and Major-General de la Gardie; and is expected back this Evening. 'Tis said that immediately after that Prince's Return, Lieutenant-General Ranck will be dispatched to the King, with a Proposal for Transporting some Regiments to Finland, for which Service 'tis supposed the small Vessels which were laid under Imbargo here last Month are still detained. The Proclamation for raising the Price of Copper Plates from 6 to 9 Dollars, was published here on the 22d past; the Effects whereof already appear by a great Advance of the Prices of every thing. Count van der Nath, and M. Malsberg who comes with the Character of Envoy from the Landgrave of Hesse Cassel, arrived here last Night.

Copenhagen, July 9. Several Masters of Ships which are come in here report, that Sir John Norris with his Squadron of Men of War, and the Merchant Ships under his Convoy, sailed from Dantzick for Riga on the 24th of last Month. The Squadron under Vice-Admiral Sehestedt, designed to be employed in the Descent on the Island of Rugen, lies at Anchor, being detained by the calm Weather. The two Men of War which Vice-Admiral Gabel left in Norway, are daily expected with the Merchant Ships bound hither from that Country: It appears that the leaving those two Men of War for their Convoy, was a necessary Precaution, the Swedish Privateers continuing to cruise in the Categat, where a few Days ago they took a Ship which was coming hither from Iseland, with a Cargo valued at 12 or 14000 Rix-dollars.

Ratisbon, July 8. On the 4th Instant the Palatine Minister presented a Memorial to the Dyet, complaining of several Contraventions on the Upper Rhine, against the Peace of Baden which confirms that of Ryswick; and desiring they would intreat the Emperor to insist with France on a full Execution of the Peace, in behalf of the Elector Palatine. The 1st is, the French having forcibly dislodged his Troops and taken Possession of Seltz an Under-Bailliage of Germersheim, on Pretence that it formerly belonged to the District of Haguenau and is situate in Alsace, the Sovereignty of which was yielded to France by the Emperor and the Empire, the old Plea for Reunions. The Palatine Minister proves on the contrary, that his Master was to be restored particularly to Germersheim and all its Dependencies by the 8th Article of the Treaty of Ryswick, and the separate Article, in the same Manner as they had been

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